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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence


This is a grand speech. I join the group of fans phoning in about it.

If we talk about a little genteel huckstering...this is just the kind of high class copy that can only do the Agency good as an institution. Die Welt von einer hoehere Warte aus betrachtet, you might say.

I would be in favor of some sort of public access to it. Just what the modus operandi of getting it out would be is another question.

I was uneasy about only one aspect.* That is what I would term the lie of the terrain between Langley and 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. When I got into a chat with Ed Proctor about the speech he said he was concerned about this precise point. The speech is great but it sounds like A Senior Statesman Statement. In short, somebody might wonder what you (not the institution) are up to--politically, that is. Even raising the question of whether it should be made available might arouse some apprehension among those who are given to suspicious thoughts. You may wish to chat with Ed about this aspect.

Ed had another idea which comes back to the modus operandi question. He said that if this speech were to appear as one of a number of papers published by the War College as a wrap up of their week's seminar, it would lose some of its (political) explosiveness in so far as you personally are concerned.


Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

*I would also recast the first sentence on page 11 to avoid reference to Brezhnev, the president's vis-a-vis at the recent summit.

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Remarks:

Here are the comments on the advisability of releasing your speech which were requested of General Walters, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Huizenga and Mr. Thuermer.

Angus incorporated Mr. Proctor's views in his memorandum.

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